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Sir:

Responding to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, the applicants elect Species I (Figure 3) and traverse the election of species requirement. Moreover, the Applicants indicate that claims 1 through 10, 15, 16, 19 through 33, 38, 39, 42 through 56, 60 through 62, and 65 through 69 read on the elected species.

The reasons for traversal are that Figures 3 through 11 actually show related embodiments, not independent inventions, and that the embodiments of Figures 3 through 11 are connected to each other in design, operation, or effect. Referring to Species I, which is illustrated in the flow chart in Figure 3, several of the species actually represent embodiments of the individual steps in the flow chart. For example, Species II and II correspond to step 320; Species IV corresponds to step 306; Species V corresponds to step 322; Species IX corresponds to step 310; Species X corresponds to step 312. Additionally, Species XI is also not a separate, independent invention but merely illustrates that the present video processing system can be practiced on a general purpose computer.

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In addition, the Applicants submit that claim 1 is generic and reads on all the disclosed embodiments of Figures 3 through 11.

The Applicants request, therefore, that the Primary Patent Examiner reconsider the election of species requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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